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The Senate met at 9:59 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, all through our history as a nation, You have helped us battle the enemies of freedom and democracy. Today, on Pearl Harbor Day, we remember the fact that the pages of our history are red with the blood of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the just war against tyranny. Those who survived the wars of the past half century are all our distinguished living heroes and heroines. They carry the honored title of veterans.

Now, Lord, we dedicate this day to You. Help us to realize that it is by Your permission that we breathe our next breath and by Your grace that we are privileged to use the gifts of intellect and judgment You provide. Give the Senators a perfect blend of humility and hope so they will know that You have given them all that they have and are and have chosen to bless them this day. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM BUNNING, a Senator from the State of Kentucky, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

SCHEDULE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I know all Members are interested in the schedule today, and the leader has asked me to notify all Senators that the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 1:45 today. Following morning business, the Senate will resume postcloture debate on the bankruptcy conference report. Under the previous order, Senator GRASSLEY, Senator HATCH, Senator LEAHY, and Senator WELLSTONE will each have 30 minutes for debate prior to a 3:45 p.m. vote on final passage. A vote on a continuing resolution is also expected during today's session. Senators will be notified as that vote is scheduled. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the time until 11 a.m. is under the control of the Senator from Washington, Mrs. MURRAY.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the Senator from the State of Washington has been kind enough to allow me a few moments to make a statement on behalf of an outstanding Alaskan who passed away a few days ago. With her permission, I ask unanimous consent that she be recognized at the conclusion of my remarks, and I thank her for her graciousness.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The Senator from Alaska.

ELMER RASMUSON

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise to honor a truly great Alaskan, a

close personal friend, Elmer Rasmuson, who passed away last Saturday at the age of 91. Alaska is a far better place as a consequence of his life of public service, his achievements in business, and his personal philanthropy.

Elmer was born in Yakutat, Alaska in 1909, not long after the Klondike gold rush. His life spanned Alaska's modern history, history that he had a significant hand in shaping.

Elmer served Alaskans in both the public and private realms. He was a successful banker who put together Alaska's first system of statewide branch banking. That wasn't any easy thing to do in a wild, far-flung territory like Alaska with four time zones, but he succeeded in doing a tremendous job with tremendous imagination and perseverance.

Along the way, Elmer amassed a personal fortune, which he had, in recent years, used to benefit libraries, museums, and universities in our State. This legacy will live on, as it was Elmer's wish that his personal fortune continue to benefit Alaska long after his death.

Elmer also enjoyed a distinguished record of public service. He served on the University of Alaska Board of Regents for nearly twenty years; and he was the mayor of Anchorage from 1964-1967—including the difficult period of time encompassing the Good Friday Earthquake of 1964 and the rebuilding of Alaska's largest city.

Elmer also had a keen interest and expertise in fisheries issues. He served on the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission from 1969 to 1984; he served as the first Chairman of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. He was instrumental in the creation of the 200-mile fisheries limit, and in rebuilding the State's salmon runs after years of federal neglect.

Elmer brought this knowledge of fisheries management to the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, a position

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